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Committee: Transportation

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Rules of the Road; to amend
2 sections 60-6,140, 60-6,230, and 60-6,232, Reissue
3 Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions
4 relating to rotating or flashing lights; to harmonize
5 provisions; and to repeal the original sections.
6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 60-6,140, Reissue Revised Statutes of
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3 60-6,140. (1) The driver of a motor vehicle shall not
4 follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent,
5 and such driver shall have due regard for the speed of such
6 vehicles and the traffic upon and the condition of the roadway.

7 (2) The driver of any motor vehicle drawing a trailer,
8 semitrailer, or another vehicle, when traveling upon a roadway
9 outside of a business or residential district, who is following
10 another vehicle shall, subject to varying road conditions, leave
11 sufficient space so that an overtaking vehicle may enter and occupy
12 such space without danger and shall not follow another motor
13 vehicle drawing a trailer, semitrailer, or another vehicle more
14 closely than one hundred feet. This subsection shall not prevent a
15 vehicle from overtaking and passing any other vehicle.

16 (3) The driver of a motor vehicle upon any roadway
17 outside of a business or residential district in a caravan or
18 motorcade, whether or not towing other vehicles, shall operate such
19 vehicle so as to allow sufficient space between each such vehicle
20 or combination of vehicles so as to enable any other vehicle to
21 enter and occupy such space without danger. This subsection shall
22 not apply to funeral processions.

23 (4) The driver of any motor vehicle when traveling upon
24 a roadway outside of a business or residential district shall not
25 follow any highway maintenance vehicle more closely than one
26 hundred feet if:

27 (a) Such highway maintenance vehicle is engaged in
28 plowing snow, removing deposited material from the surface of the

1 road, or spreading salt, sand, or other material upon the surface
2 of the road or is in motion on or near the traveled portion of a
3 road performing other highway maintenance duties; and

4 (b) Such highway maintenance vehicle is displaying a
5 flashing ~~amber or white~~ light pursuant to section 60-6,230 or
6 60-6,232.

7 This subsection shall not prevent a vehicle from
8 overtaking and passing any other vehicle.

9 (5) The driver of any motor vehicle, when traveling upon
10 a roadway outside of a business or residential district, who is
11 following another vehicle displaying flashing amber or white lights
12 shall not follow such vehicle more closely than one hundred feet.
13 This subsection shall not prevent a vehicle from overtaking and
14 passing any other vehicle.

15 Sec. 2. Section 60-6,230, Reissue Revised Statutes of
16 Nebraska, is amended to read:

17 60-6,230. (1) Except as provided in sections 60-6,231 to
18 60-6,233 and subsections (4) and (5) of this section, no person
19 shall operate any motor vehicle or any equipment of any description
20 on any highway in this state with any rotating or flashing light.

21 (2) Except for stop lights and directional signals, which
22 may be red, yellow, or amber, no person shall display any color of
23 light other than red on the rear of any motor vehicle or any
24 equipment of any kind on any highway within this state.

25 (3) Blue and green lights may be displayed on vehicles of
26 the Military Department for purpose of convoy control when on any
27 state emergency mission.

28 (4) A single flashing white light may be displayed on the

1 roof of school transportation vehicles during extremely adverse
2 weather conditions.

3 (5) Blue, ~~and~~ amber, or white rotating or flashing
4 lights, or any combination of such lights, may be displayed on
5 vehicles used for the movement of snow and on maintenance or
6 construction vehicles while performing their duties on or near any
7 highway when operated by the Department of Roads or any local
8 authority.

9 Sec. 3. Section 60-6,232, Reissue Revised Statutes of
10 Nebraska, is amended to read:

11 60-6,232. A rotating or flashing amber light or lights
12 shall be displayed on the roof of any motor vehicle being operated
13 by any rural mail carrier outside the corporate limits of any
14 municipality in this state on or near any highway in the process of
15 delivering mail.

16 A rotating or flashing amber light or lights may be
17 displayed on (1) any vehicle of the Military Department while on
18 any state emergency mission, (2) any motor vehicle being operated
19 by any public utility, vehicle service, or towing service or any
20 ~~publicly or~~ privately owned construction or maintenance vehicle
21 while performing its duties on or near any highway, (3) any motor
22 vehicle being operated by any member of the Civil Air Patrol, (4)
23 any pilot vehicle escorting an overdimensional load, or (5) any
24 vehicle while actually engaged in the moving of houses, buildings,
25 or other objects of extraordinary bulk, including unbaled livestock
26 forage as authorized by subdivision (2)(g) of section 60-6,288.

27 Sec. 4. Original sections 60-6,140, 60-6,230, and
28 60-6,232, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.